

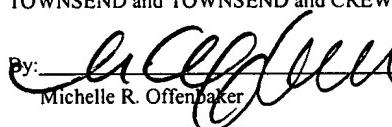


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In re application of:

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For: CIRCUIT GROUP DESIGN
METHODOLOGIES

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Art Unit: 2825

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A method of determining a definition of a physical representation of at least a portion of an integrated circuit, the integrated circuit performing logic operations, arithmetic operations, control operations, and memory operations, the integrated circuit being comprised of a plurality of groups, the groups being largely comprised of between 300 and 5000 gates, the groups being present in a